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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

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application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:** 

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire in which at least a pair of circumferential main

grooves extending along a tire circumferential direction is formed on a tread, the tread is defined

into at least a plurality of land portion rows comprising at least a central land portion row at the

tire equatorial plane side and bilateral land portion rows disposed at tire axial direction outer

sides of the central land portion row, and a plurality of lateral grooves extending along the tire

axial direction is formed in the central land portion row and the bilateral land portion rows, in the

tire circumferential direction, wherein

the lateral grooves which are formed on at least the central land portion row are extended

from land portion both edges to land portion inner sides by at least 15% or more of the central

land portion row tire axial direction width, and the central land portion row is defined into blocks

or false blocks, and

the blocks or the false blocks form chamfer portions, each having a depth gradually

increasing toward the circumferential main groove and each facing the circumferential main

groove, in the vicinities of the tire circumferential direction one side corner portions of the

central land portion row, whereby the vicinities of both sides in a tire width direction of the

central land portion row are made uneven in the tire circumferential direction The pneumatic tire

according to claim 1, and wherein the central land portion row chamfer portion is formed in the

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vicinity of an obtuse angled corner portion of the block or the false block as seen from a tread

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plan view of the block or the false block, is formed into a substantially trapezoid shaped tread

plan view configuration whose upside faces the circumferential main groove side and whose

base is substantially parallel to the tire circumferential direction, and has a planar shape which is

inclined at a constant angle with respect to a tread surface.

3. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire of elaim 1 claim 2, wherein the tire axial

direction one side lateral groove of the central land portion row and the tire axial direction other

side lateral groove thereof are connected to each other by the first narrow groove whose width is

smaller than those of the lateral grooves.

4. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to elaim 1 claim 2, wherein a tire

axial direction width of the central land portion row chamfer portion is set within a range of from

5 to 30% of that of the central land portion row, and a depth of the tire circumferential main

groove side lower edge of the central land portion row chamfer portion is set within a range of

from 5 to 50% of that of the tire circumferential main groove adjacent to the central land portion

row chamfer portion.

5. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1 claim 2, wherein a

sidewall surface of the central land portion row non-chamfer portion at the central land portion

row chamfer portion side is formed at the angle of substantially 90° with respect to the tread

surface at a boundary portion between the central land portion row chamfer portion and the

central land portion row non-chamfer portion not including the central land portion row chamfer

portion.

6. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1 claim 2, wherein at least

a portion of the tire axial direction one side central land portion row chamfer portion and at least

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a portion of the tire axial direction other side central land portion row chamfer portion are

disposed so as to face each other.

7. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to elaim 1 claim 2, wherein the

central land portion row chamfer portion is protruded closer to the circumferential main groove

side adjacent to the central land portion row chamfer portion than the central land portion row

non-chamfer portion not including the central land portion row chamfer portion adjacent to the

central land portion row chamfer portion in the tire circumferential direction, and a tire axial

direction protruding amount of the central land portion row chamfer portion in reference to the

circumferential main groove side edge of the central land portion row non-chamfer portion is set

within a range of from 2.5 to 40% of a width of the circumferential main groove adjacent to the

central land portion row chamfer portion.

8. (Original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 7, wherein the central land portion

row chamfer portion is formed only at a portion protruding closer to the circumferential main

groove side than the central land portion row non-chamfer portion adjacent to the central land

portion row chamfer portion in the tire circumferential direction.

9. (Previously Presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 7, wherein a tire axial

direction groove wall of a portion of the central land portion row protruding to the circum-

ferential main groove side and a tire axial direction groove wall of the central land portion row

non-chamfer portion are connected to a groove bottom portion of the circumferential main

groove substantially at the same position in the tire axial direction.

10. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1 claim 2, wherein the

bilateral land portion row lateral groove comprises a narrow-width portion in which a portion of

the tire equatorial plane side lateral groove is formed narrower and a large-width portion in

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which a remaining portion of the tread edge side lateral groove is formed wider, and a planar

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chamfer portion, whose tread plane view is formed into a substantially rectangular shaped

configuration which is longer along the bilateral land portion row lateral groove, is formed in a

region where the narrow-width portion is formed, and inclined at a constant angle, starting from

an imaginary extension line of a tread surface side edge of the large-width portion toward the

circumferential main groove side adjacent to the bilateral land portion row chamfer portion.

11. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein the central

land portion row is disposed on the tire equatorial plane, a second land portion row, which is

defined by each of the circumferential main grooves, is disposed between the central land portion

row and each of the bilateral land portion rows, a plurality of lateral grooves extending along the

tire axial direction is formed in the second land portion rows in the tire circumferential direction,

the second land portion row lateral groove comprises a narrow-width portion in which a portion

of the tire equatorial plane side lateral groove is formed narrower and a large-width portion in

which a remaining portion of the tread edge side lateral groove is formed wider, a planar chamfer

portion, whose tread plane view is formed into a substantially rectangular shaped configuration

which is longer along the second land portion row lateral groove, is formed in a region where the

narrow-width portion is formed, and inclined at a constant angle, starting from an imaginary

extension line of a tread surface side edge of the large-width portion toward the circumferential

main groove side adjacent to the second land portion row chamfer portion, and the direction of

the second land portion row chamfer portions and that of the bilateral land portion row chamfer

portions are opposed to each other with respect to the tire circumferential direction.

12. (Previously Presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein a lower

edge position of the bilateral land portion row chamfer portion is set within a range of from 5 to

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30% of a depth of the circumferential main groove adjacent to the bilateral land portion row chamfer portion, and a tire axial direction width of the bilateral land portion row chamfer portion

is set within a range of from 15 to 60% of that of the bilateral land portion row width.

13. (currently amended): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1 claim 2, wherein the

block or the false block of the bilateral land portion row is defined into a plurality of sub-blocks

by a second narrow groove whose width is smaller than the lateral groove.

14. (Original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 13, wherein the second narrow

groove has at least two bent portions at the depth direction intermediate portions.

15. (Original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 14, wherein the lengthwise

direction of the second narrow groove does not change due to a depth size.